



Meeting Information:

Thursday, 10.8.2020

2-3pm

Zoom Meeting Details

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Attendees:

Patti Berman, DTLA Resident
Blair Besten, Historic Core BID
Javier Cano, JW Marriott
Bert Dezutti, Brookfield Properties
Tom Gilmore, Gilmore & Associates
Sara Hernandez, DTLA Strong
Suzanne Holley, DCBID
Rob Jernigan, Gensler
Clara Karger, CCA
Jessica Lall, CCA
Rena Leddy, Fashion District BID
Tina Oh, CCA
Ellen Riotto, South Park BID
Marie Rumsey, CCA
Martha Saucedo, AEG
Rick Vogel, Related

Agenda:

Welcome & Introductions-Jessica

Topics (5 min each):

- State of DTLA- Tom & Rob
- DTLA Resident Experience - Rick, Patti & Sara
- Making DTLA Work for Employers & Employees- Bert & Suzanne
- Supporting Tourism & Hospitality - Martha, Javier & Ellen
- Fighting Street Homelessness- Rena & Blair

Meeting Goals:

- Inform City Atty Feuer directly about the concerns and state of DTLA as it impacts businesses, residents & tourists.
- Learn about the latest updates for pending litigation as it relates to LA Alliance and Garcia cases.
- Understand City Atty strategies in the short & long term as it relates to DTLA given current climate of the pandemic, reimagining public safety & budget cuts.
- Hold the City Atty accountable for the role of his office in a safe and prosperous DTLA.



Background:

On September 10, we submitted an open letter to Mayor Garcetti raising several concerns about the current state of DTLA, City Atty Feuer was copied on the letter and we are meeting with him to discuss it. The letter can be read [here](#).

We raised numerous issues in our letter but the ones most relevant to the City Atty are:

- **Reimagining public health and safety to better help people experiencing homelessness and suffering from mental illness, including establishing a chief health officer and restructuring the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)**
- **Reclaiming public parks and sidewalks to make them safe and accessible for use including partnering with the County to make Grand Park accessible again**

We recommend focusing on these by sharing a personal experience to frame the issue and then engage the City Atty with direct questions.

Potential Questions:

Potential topics/questions for discussion on our prep call:

- **Nuisance Abatement Proceedings:** How is your office supporting nuisance abatement proceedings at problematic venues in DTLA?
- **LAPD Coordination:** How do you coordinate with LAPD to stop the illegal activity happening and spilling out in the street?
- **Legal Guidance for CDC Guidelines:** Has your office provided any written guidance to the Bureau of Sanitation, LAPD, LAFD and other departments who deal with street homelessness on the CDC guidelines regarding encampments? Specifically, the guidelines that call on cities to not disturb encampments to avoid spreading COVID-19. The guidelines also call on cities to socially distance encampments and provide handwashing facilities. Is your office supporting any of that work? Why does it seem like the city is only enforcing the no disturbance part of the guidelines?
- **LAHSA Restructuring:** What, if any, role are you playing in the current discussions regarding the restructuring of LAHSA? We know you submitted an op-ed a couple of years ago calling for a homeless czar and believe restructuring LAHSA could support that goal.
- **Legal Implications & LAHSA:** Also, since LAHSA was formed as the result of a settlement are you advising on any legal challenges to restructuring and are there any legal obstacles that we should be aware of when weighing in on



this debate? How has your office held the County's Department of Public Health accountable for meeting the mental health needs of the many homeless individuals?

- **LA Alliance for Human Rights Case:** How are you participating in the LA Alliance lawsuit that Judge Carter is presiding over? Do you believe there can be agreements by Council District that require a certain amount of shelter then allow enforcement as being discussed?
- **Public Open Space:** What are you doing for parks to remain safe and accessible in DTLA? Right now, City Hall and Grand Avenue parks are fenced off but that is not sustainable long-term. Is there a long-term plan being worked on for City Hall park by your office?
- **Unarmed Crisis Response Model:** The City Council is actively discussing developing an unarmed crisis response model for nonviolent service calls. What role is your office playing in this discussion?

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